

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LIEUTENANT BILLY JILES

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero. As violent crime rips through America's homes and neighborhoods, leaving ruined lives in their wake, a group of brave men and women fight this scourge. These men and women are our law enforcement professionals.

Lt. Billy Jiles of the Carroll County Sheriff Department was one such man. Every day he risked his life to keep our community safe. He was willing to pay the ultimate price for this battle, as he did on September 3, 2002. Going about his daily duties, Lt. Jiles responded to a routine 911 arson call at the residential home. As the arsonist fled the scene he was confronted by Lt. Jiles, the criminal then murdered Lt. Jiles.

As a result of this crime, Lt. Billy Jiles has left behind a wife and two young children. While nothing can ease the pain for Lt. Jiles' family and friends, we are able to take some comfort in knowing his sacrifice saved the lives of so many others.

I commend the dedication and selflessness of Lt. Jiles, a 20-year veteran of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. I hope his life and legacy will serve as an incentive for all to continue to fight the war against crime in America.

IN HONOR OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, during my service as a Member of the House of Representatives, it has been my honor and privilege to rise and pay tribute to organizations and people who really make a difference in the Delaware community. Today, I rise to recognize the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its over 1,000 dedicated volunteers.

The Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society has been serving Delawareans coping with MS for over 25 years. The information, support, and funding the Delaware Chapter provides is paramount in the fight to find a cure for this devastating disease currently afflicting over 1,100 people in Delaware, and over one-third of a million people across the Nation.

As many of my Colleagues may know, MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the nervous system. Symptoms may be mild, such

as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

This hope comes in the form of increased funding for research into the causes of MS, the development of new treatments, and the possibilities of a cure. Since the chapter was founded nearly 25 years ago, The Delaware Chapter has been instrumental in raising funds through events such as the MS 150 Bike to the Bay and the Delaware MS walk, which combined raised nearly \$1.25 million in the past two years. And over its 25 year existence, the Delaware Chapter of the National MS Society has raised over \$16.8 million for local and National MS research projects and estimates its 2002 totals to reach nearly \$2 million.

These astounding numbers exemplify the dedication and hard work that have been the hallmark of volunteerism in the State of Delaware. Without the more than 1,000 volunteers and over 3,000 event participants, the mission of the National MS Society, ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis, would be that much farther away. Delaware volunteers, like Bianca Fraser, who this year alone raised over \$45,000 in the MS walk for the Delaware Chapter, and will be inducted into the National MS Society National Fund-raising Hall of Fame, have proven themselves to be some of the best in the Nation—a fact that many of us in Delaware have known for quite some time now.

The Delaware Chapter also developed and maintains many beneficial programs for those living with MS and their families, including self-help groups, peer support systems, and counseling services. Through its educational programs, Moving Forward; Information Seminars; and Knowledge is Power, and through its Lending Library, the Delaware Chapter has become the premier source of information for Delawareans seeking to better understand this potentially debilitating disease, its causes and symptoms, available treatments and breakthroughs in research, and most importantly, the Chapter offers individuals the solace that they are not alone and that there are those who are dedicated to finding a cure.

The Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its volunteers have shown themselves to be exemplary models of dedication and caring within the Delaware community. I commend them for their quarter century of service and continued efforts in improving the lives of their fellow Delawareans.

MAGEE RIETER HONORED FOR 10TH YEAR IN A ROW

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2002*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the continuing outstanding achievement of the employees of Magee Rieter Automotive Systems of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, which has won General Motors' prestigious "Supplier of the Year Award" for the tenth consecutive year.

Of GM's 30,000 suppliers, Magee Rieter Automotive Systems is the only ten-time winner in North America. This is truly a tremendous achievement and one of which the company and all of its employees should be proud.

Magee Rieter, the leading supplier of carpets to General Motors in America, will celebrate this accomplishment on September 10, 2002. The company has been in business in Bloomsburg since 1889 and has been supplying General Motors for more than 90 years, first with hand-draped tapestries of Fisher Body carriages, through today's production of fully molded carpet floors and integrated acoustical systems.

Through the past 113 years, the company has endured and overcome numerous challenges, including floods, fires and the rapidly changing business environment. The company received the Army/Navy "E" Award for Excellence after World War II in recognition of its production of high-quality materials for the war effort.

As demonstrated by the more recent awards, the current employees have carried on the tradition of pride and success handed down by their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who worked at Magee Rieter. Under the leadership of President and Chief Executive Officer Mike Katerman, Magee Rieter continues to be a cornerstone of the Bloomsburg community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the hard work and impressive achievement of the people of Magee Rieter, and I wish them all the best.

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER TO SPEAK TO UNITED NATIONS—U.N. SHOULD PRESS HIM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TERRORISM

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2002*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, will speak to the United Nations in New York. There are several issues

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